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THE FIGHT TO SAVE PLANET EARTH!

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DIVISION...

...THE DOMAIN OF
A SINGULARLY
BRILLIANT AND
COMMITTED
SCIENTIST--
DOCTOR RANDALL
PIERCE!

Stan Lee PRESENTS:
BRUTE FORCE

FAST FEUD!

HAHAHA!

SMILE, BOYS
AND GIRLS--
IT'S PARTY TIME!
WE'VE COME HERE
FOR YOU, YOU,
YOU!

WHAT
THE--?

UH, UH,
DOC-- NO BAD
LANGUAGE!
THIS IS A
FAMILY
SHOW!

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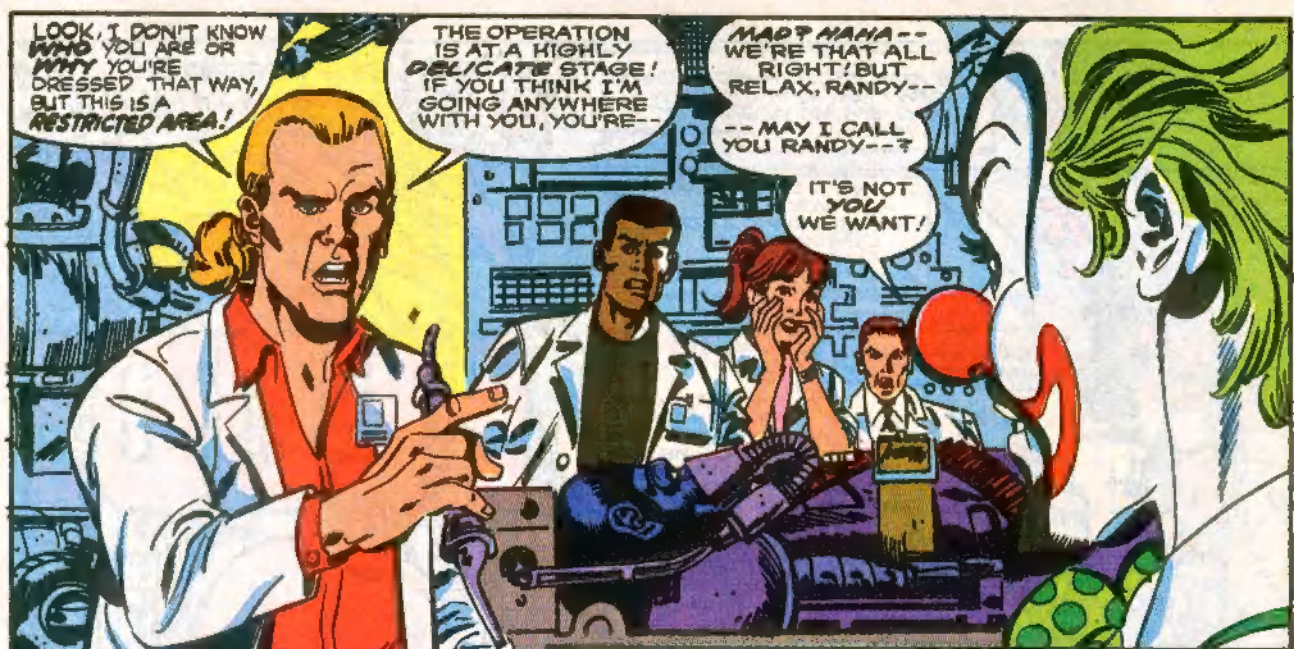
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LOOK, I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE OR WHY YOU'RE DRESSED THAT WAY, BUT THIS IS A RESTRICTED AREA!

THE OPERATION IS AT A HIGHLY DELICATE STAGE! IF YOU THINK I'M GOING ANYWHERE WITH YOU, YOU'RE--

MAD? Haha-- WE'RE THAT ALL RIGHT! BUT RELAX, RANDY--

-- MAY I CALL YOU RANDY--?

IT'S NOT YOU WE WANT!

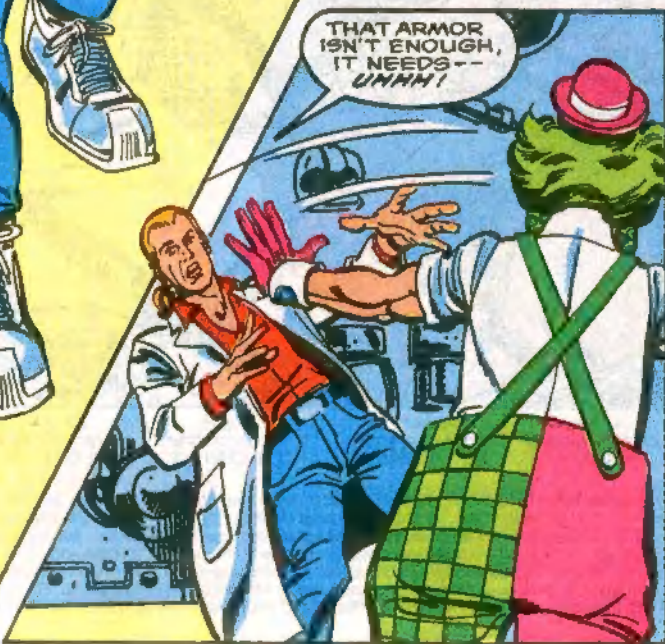


DA MONKEY, HOWEVER, COMES WITH US!

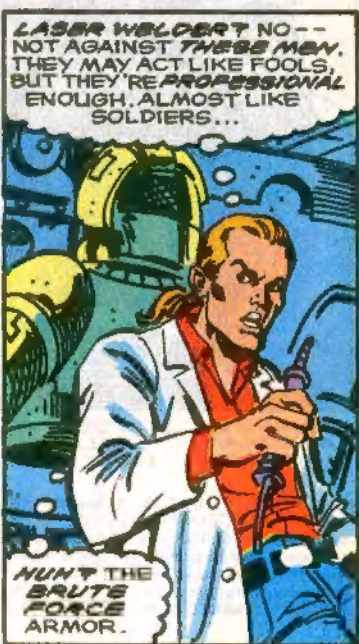


YOU--

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS! EVEN THOUGH I'VE SAVED THE GORILLA'S LIFE, IT'S STILL IN PAIN. IT'LL TRANSLATE THAT PAIN INTO RAGE!

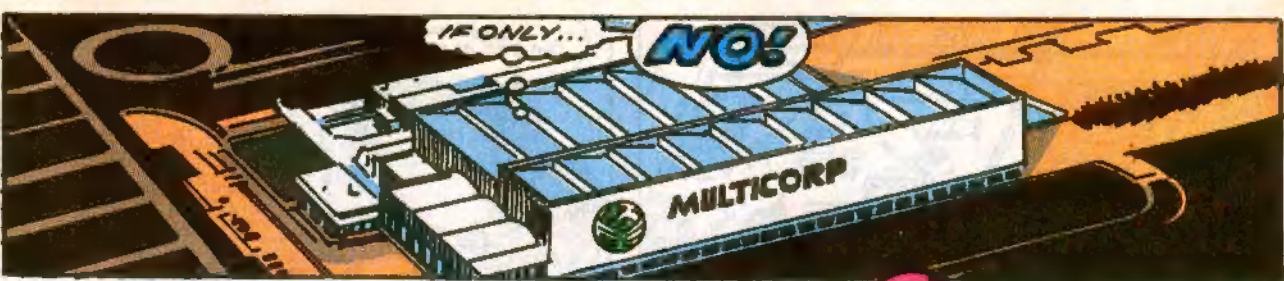


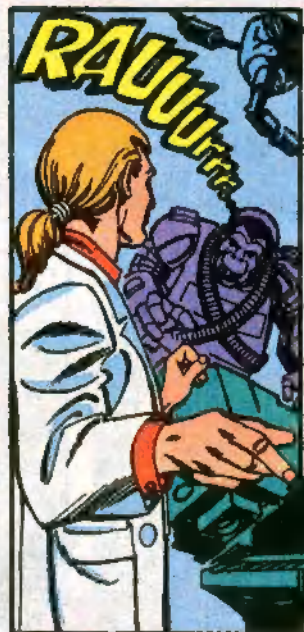
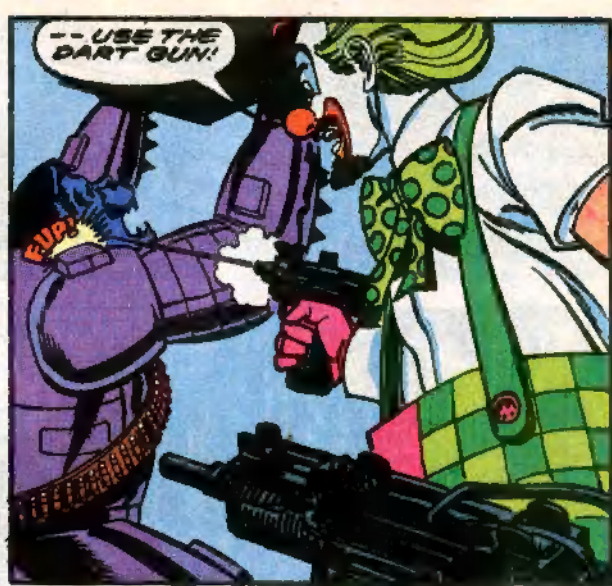
THAT ARMOR ISN'T ENOUGH, IT NEEDS-- UNHH!



LASER WELDERT NO-- NOT AGAINST THESE MEN. THEY MAY ACT LIKE FOOLS, BUT THEY'RE PROFESSIONAL ENOUGH, ALMOST LIKE SOLDIERS...

HUNT THE BRUTE FORCE ARMOR.





FIFTH AVENUE,
MANHATTAN...

...MULTICORP
WORLD
HEADQUARTERS...



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CORPORATIONS, WITH COUNTLESS ASSETS, HUNDREDS
OF SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES, FINGERS IN EVERY LUCRATIVE
PIE GOING--

--AND AN
EXCELLENT
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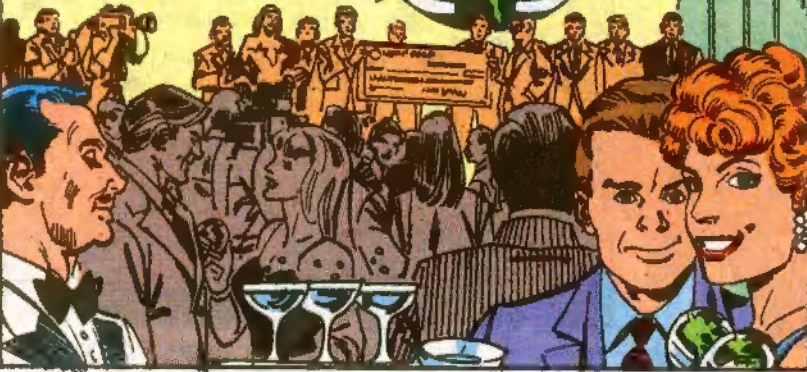
...AND SO IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS CHECK FOR FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE FRESH AIR GROUP...

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Fifty Thousand \$50,000

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MULTICORP IS
GOOD FOR THE
WORLD!



...TO FURTHER
THEIR
MAGNIFICENT
WORK IN THE
ENVIRONMENTAL
FIELD!



MULTICORP--UNLIKE SOME
OTHER CORPORATIONS
I COULD MENTION--IS FULLY
COMMITTED TO PROTECTING
OUR ENVIRONMENT.



EVERY YEAR, WE PLOW
MILLIONS OF DOLLARS BACK
INTO THIS BATTERED AND
BELEAGUERED PLANET OF
OURS, HELPING TO ENSURE THE
HEALTH AND PROSPERITY OF
FUTURE GENERATIONS...

...THROUGH DONATIONS
TO ORGANIZATIONS LIKE
FRESH AIR...

I'D LIKE
TO THANK
MR. FROST--

...AND, OF
COURSE,
OUR OWN
ENVIRONMENTAL
RESEARCH
DEPARTMENT,
WE--

MULTICORP February
FRESH AIR
ousand

--AH.

LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN...



MAY I PRESENT
THE HEAD OF THAT
DEPARTMENT --
DOCTOR RANDALL
PIERCE!

CLAP
CLAP
CLAP!

NO... PLEASE,
I DON'T--

SIGH

MR. FROST, THIS
CAN'T WAIT!

I THINK
IT CAN.

DOCTOR PIERCE AND MISTER...
ER, AUDREY WILL, I'M SURE, BE
ABLE TO TELL YOU HOW THE
MONEY IS TO BE SPENT.
GENTLEMEN...

THE HABITAT,
LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN, IS
THE FIRST OF
ITS KIND.

MORE
THAN
JUST
ANOTHER
RESEARCH
CENTER,
IT...

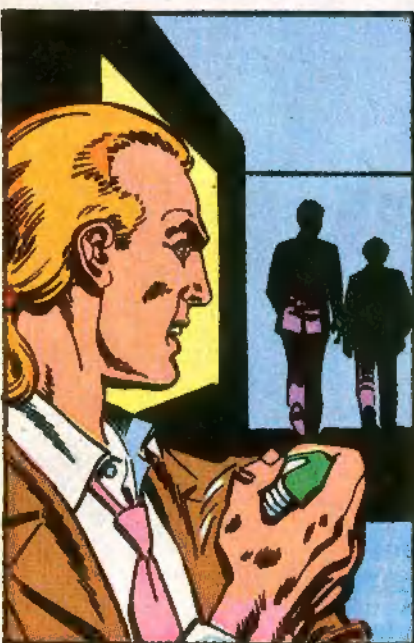
174...! The 12th...
144...! GORILLA...
164...! SOON...
184...! SHIPPED...

MR. FROST!

AHEM!

WE HAVE TO
TALK! THE
GORILLA--

HAS BEEN TAKEN BY FORCE.
YES, JENNINGS HERE HAS
JUST INFORMED ME.
MOST ANNOYING.



ONE RETURN CAR JOURNEY AND A BIT LATER...



THIS IS JUST ONE OF MANY SMALL VILLAGES LEFT IN RUINS AS THE FLEX CORPORATION'S BULLDOZERS ROLL ON!

THOUGH NO HARD EVIDENCE HAS LINKED THE RAIN FOREST CLEARANCE HERE IN THE AMAZON BASIN WITH A GROUP OF ARMED MERCENARY SOLDIERS PUTTING NATIVE TRIBES TO FLIGHT, THE COINCIDENCE IS... STARTLING.

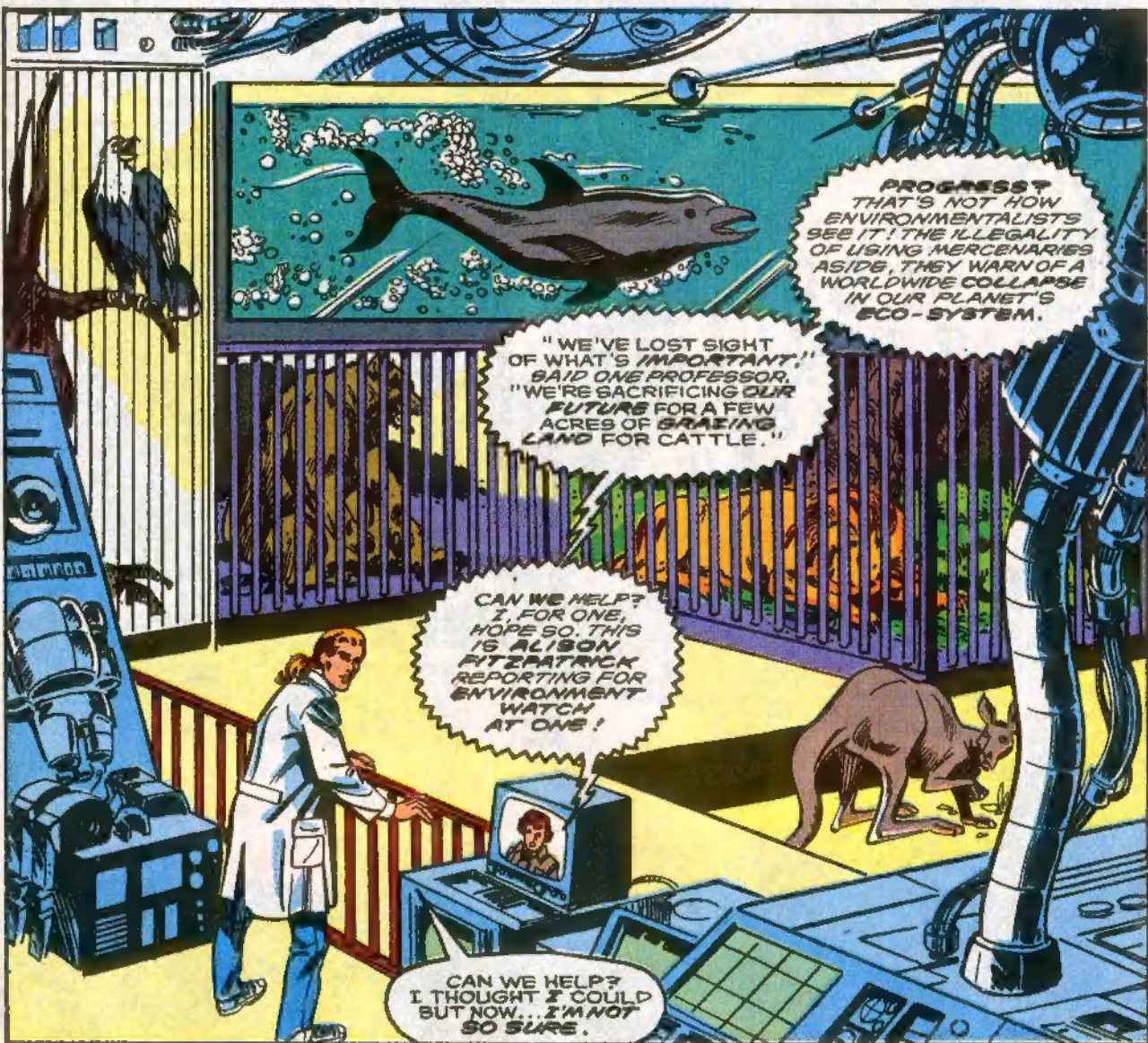


SIR, IS IT TRUE THAT MERCENARIES HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED SPECIFICALLY TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR YOUR MACHINES?

HEY, THOSE PEOPLE WAS IN THE WAY OF PROGRESS! AN OFFER WAS MADE AND THEY MOVED, SIMPLE AS THAT.



DUNNO NOTHIN' ABOUT NO MERCENARIES!

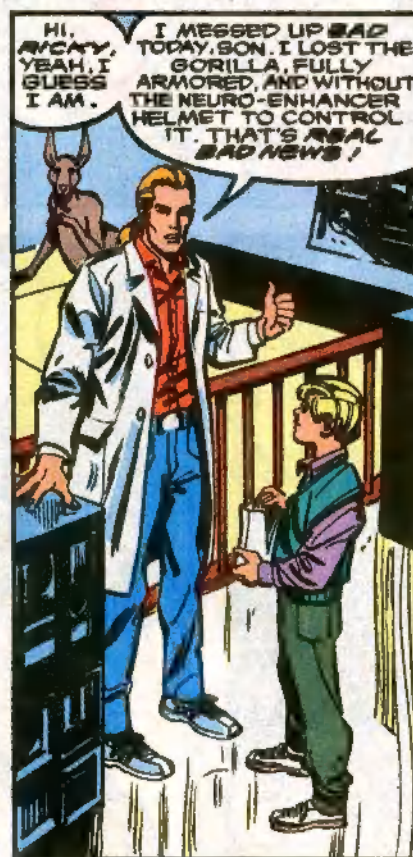
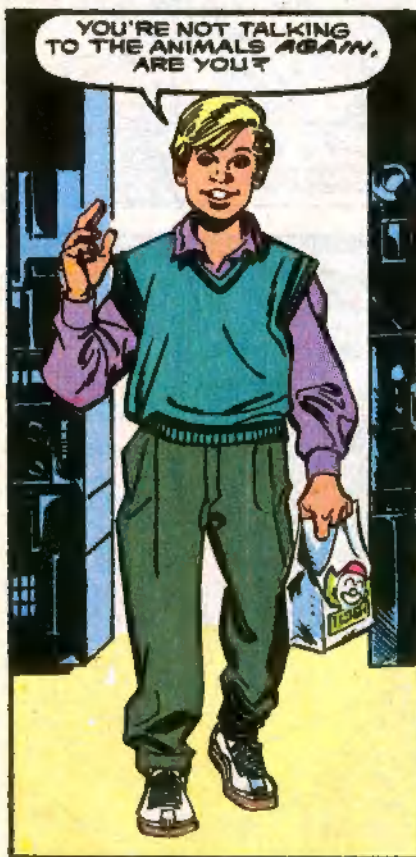


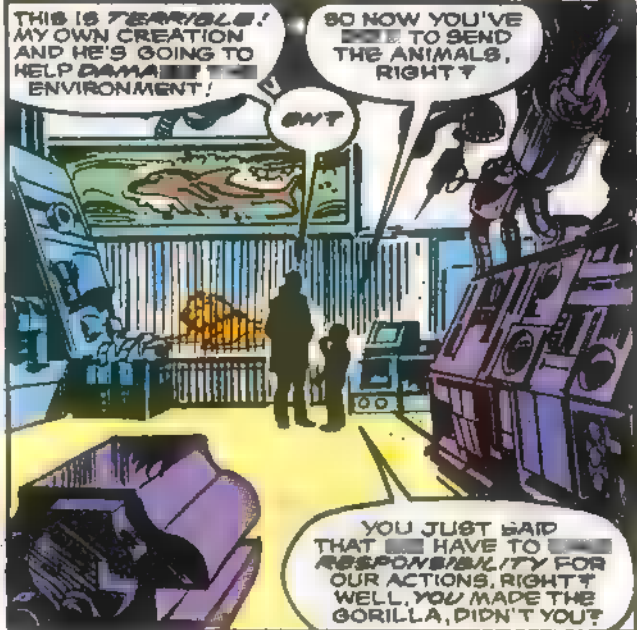
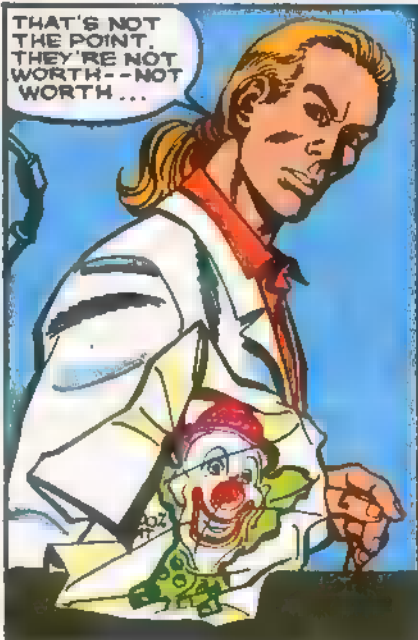
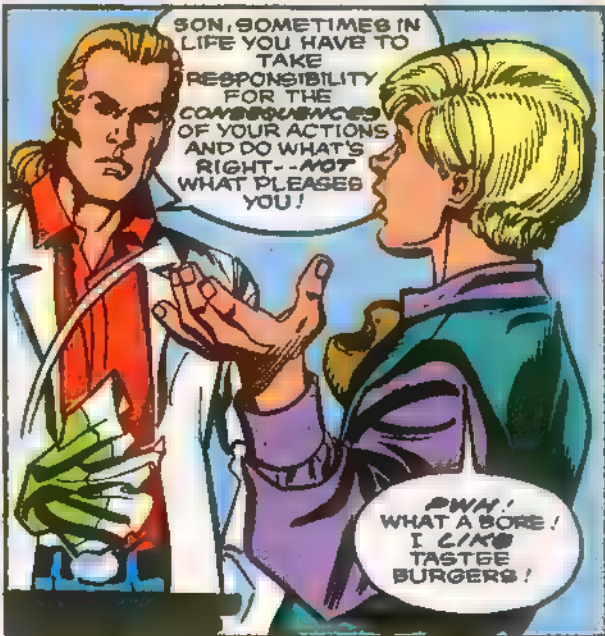
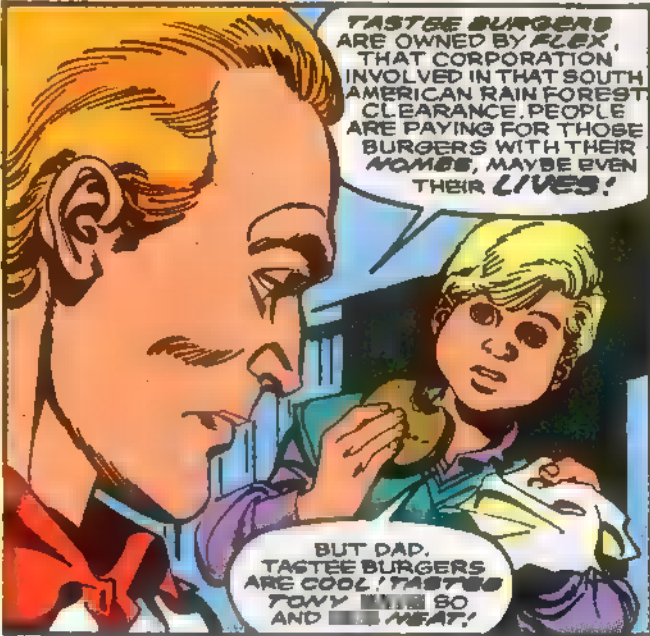
PROGRESS? THAT'S NOT HOW ENVIRONMENTALISTS SEE IT! THE ILLEGALITY OF USING MERCENARIES ASIDE, THEY WARN OF A WORLDWIDE COLLAPSE IN OUR PLANET'S ECO-SYSTEM.

"WE'VE LOST SIGHT OF WHAT'S IMPORTANT," SAID ONE PROFESSOR. "WE'RE SACRIFICING OUR FUTURE FOR A FEW ACRES OF GRAZING LAND FOR CATTLE."

CAN WE HELP? I, FOR ONE, HOPE SO. THIS IS ALISON FITZPATRICK REPORTING FOR ENVIRONMENT WATCH AT ONE!

CAN WE HELP? I THOUGHT I COULD BUT NOW... I'M NOT SO SURE.





ELSEWHERE...

THIS WILL BE EASY, SIR. PIERCE IS A VERY METHODICAL MAN. ALL THE MATERIAL CONCERNING THE NEURO-ENHANCEMENT PROCESS WAS LOGGED STEP BY DETAILED STEP. IT WAS VERY SIMPLE TO HACK INTO HIS SYSTEM AND STEAL THE DATA.

GOOD. THOSE FLEX IDIOTS ALMOST RUINED MY PLANS BY STRIKING TOO SOON. USING THE FAST FLEX COSTUMES WAS MY BACKUP PLAN. I'LL HAVE TO TEACH FLEX MANAGEMENT A SHORT, SHARP LESSON.

STILL, FLEX'S ACTION FORCED PIERCE'S HAND — AND NOW WHAT WE WANT. FIND THE GORILLA AND KILL HIM. I WANT HIM DEAD BY SUNDOWN!

YES, SIR!

THE AMAZON BASIN, SOME HOURS LATER...

THERE IT IS! THIS CLOSE I CAN GET TO THE CLEARANCE AREA.

I'LL GO...ER, DISTRACT CUSTOMS. BUT I'M LEAVING FROM THEN ON YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN.

THAT'S ALL, PHIL. YOU AND THE PEOPLE AT FRESH AIR HAVE DONE MORE THAN ENOUGH ALREADY. THANKS.

HEY, WHAT ARE FRIENDS FOR?

OKAY, SORRY ABOUT THE ROUGH RIDE, GUYS, BUT AT LEAST YOU'RE HERE.

TOO HOT, SUIT'S HOT. I WANT TO GO HOME!

ME, TOO.



I MEAN, THIS MY SORT OF TERRAIN, BUT I ONE LION WHO IS **HAPPY** TO HAVE JUNGLE TAKEN OUT OF HIM / GIVE ME CITY ANY



YEAH. I ANOTHER LION WHO DON'T LIKE JUNGLE. DIDN'T WANT TO BE PART OF THIS TEAM IN FIRST PLACE.

YOU'RE A BEAR, IDIOT! AND YOU WERE ALL FOR BRUTE FORCE A FEW HOURS AGO.



LISTEN UP, TEAM. IF THAT GORILLA'S IT MEANS FLEX IS USING HIM TO CLEAR MORE RA- FOREST. THAT'S THE SORT OF THING WE HAVE TO STOP!



THANK YOU, SLIPSTREAM, NOW IF--

SOAR!

ENT OH-- IS THE ARMOR RUBBING?

NO, MY NAME IS SOAR. SLIPSTREAM IS A DUMB NAME FOR A LEADER!

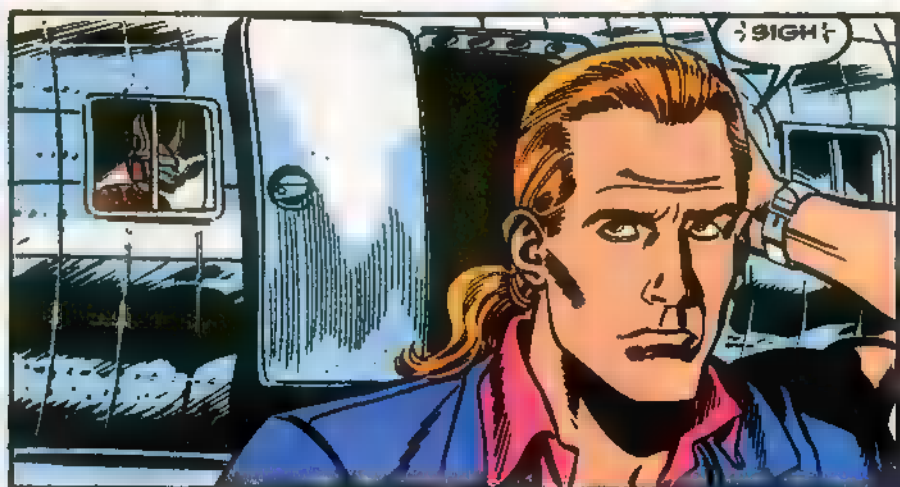


LEADER? YOU NOT LEADER-- LIONHEART LEADER!

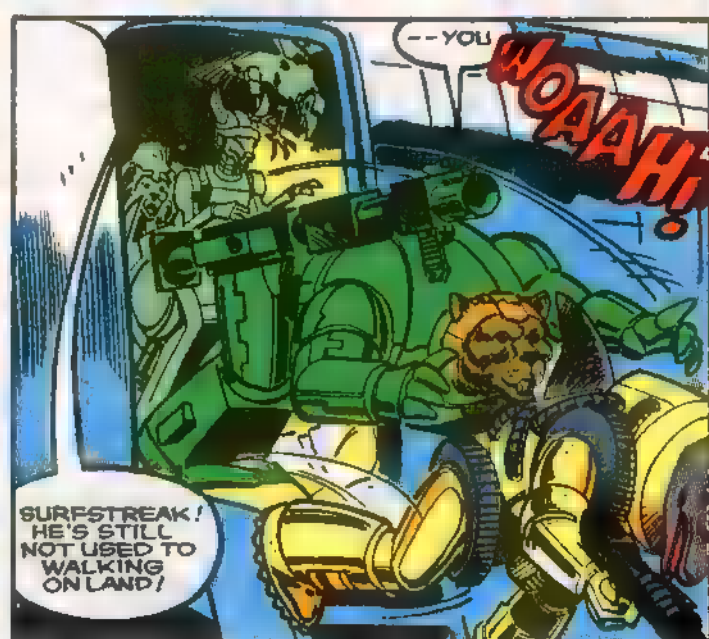
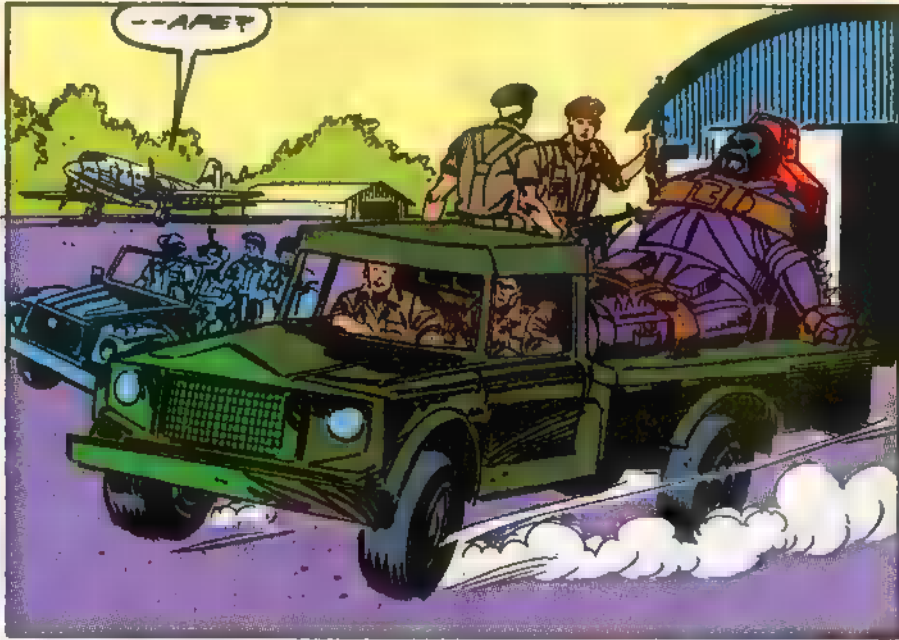
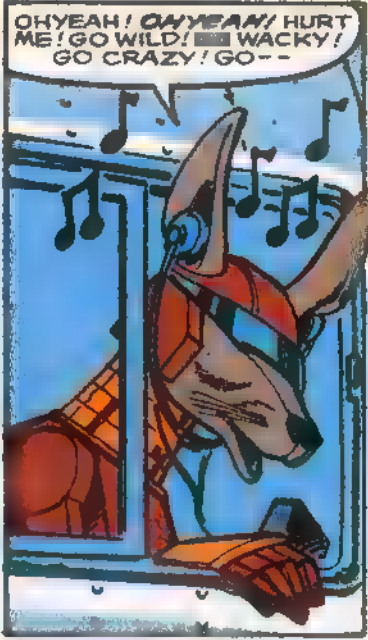
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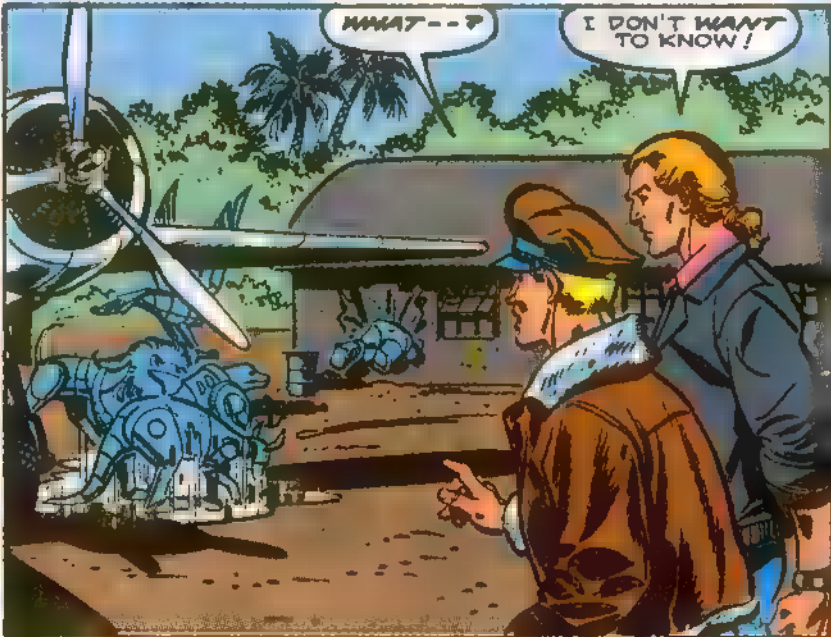
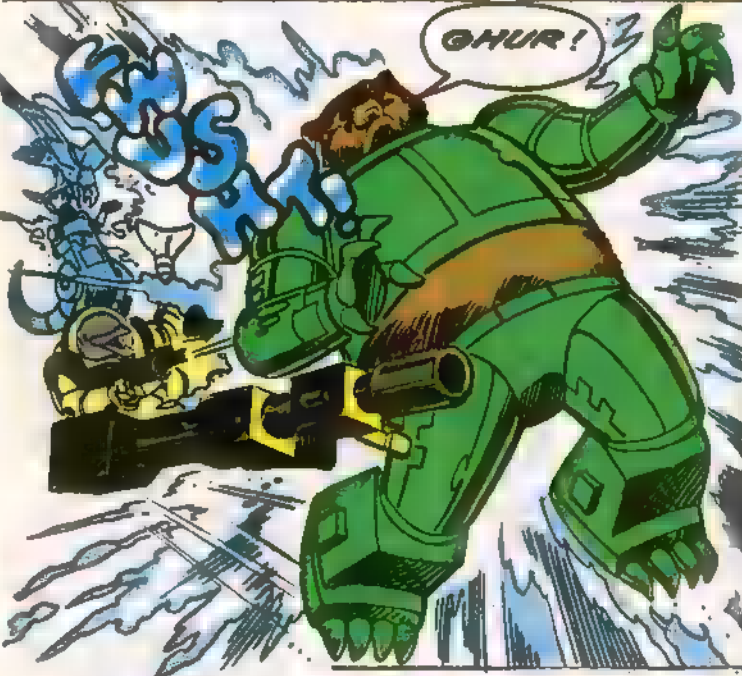
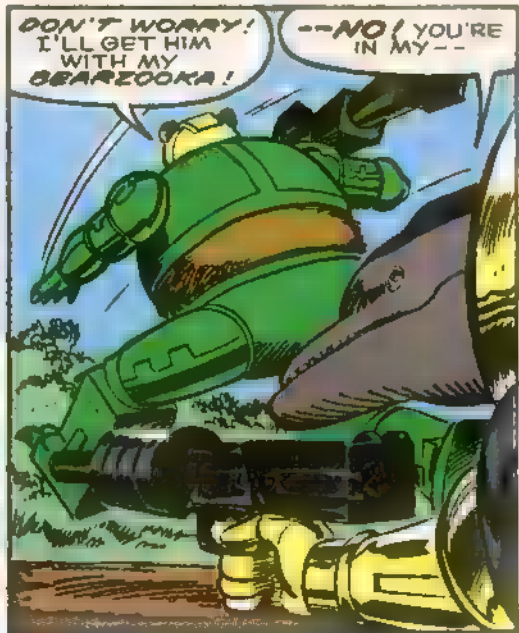
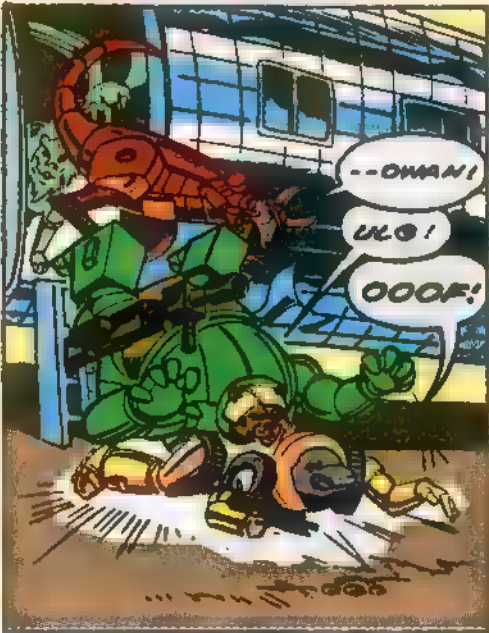
MAN! YOU COULDN'T LEAD...ER, SOMETHING THAT NEEDS A LEADER!

DIG THAT CRAEY BEAT!



SIGH





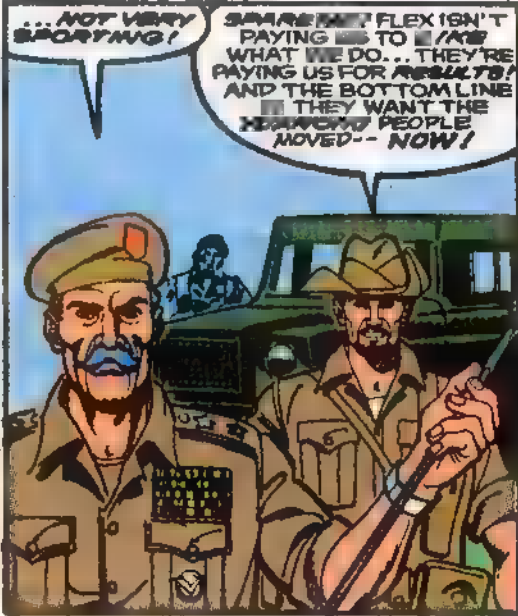
SOME MINUTES LATER,
A FEW MILES AWAY...



AFTERNOON,
GENERAL! UNIT
FOUR REPORTING
FOR DUTY. THE "MOVING
EQUIPMENT" IS HERE!



SO THIS IS IT, EH?
NOT EXACTLY WHAT I
EXPECTED. I DON'T
KNOW, IT'S JUST...



...NOT VERY
SHORTLY!

SPARE ME! FLEX ISN'T
PAYING US TO ~~DO~~ ~~DO~~
WHAT WE DO... THEY'RE
PAYING US FOR RESULTS!
AND THE BOTTOM LINE
IS THEY WANT THE
MOVING PEOPLE
MOVED-- NOW!



ARRRR! THEN YOU
BETTER GET ON WITH
IT! THE VILLAGE
THAT WAY, BUT I
YOU, THE TRIBESMEN
HAVE SUCCESSFULLY
RESISTED OUR
BEST
EFFORTS TO
SHIFT THEM!



NOT TO WORRY!
THIS MONKEY'LL
MOVE FARM, THE
WHOLE BLAMED
VILLAGE AND
PROBABLY THE
SURROUNDING
TREES AS WELL!

NOW BE A
GOOD BOY
AND HOLD
STILL WHILE
I LOOSEN
YOUR
STRAPS...



BUT, MINUTES
LATER...

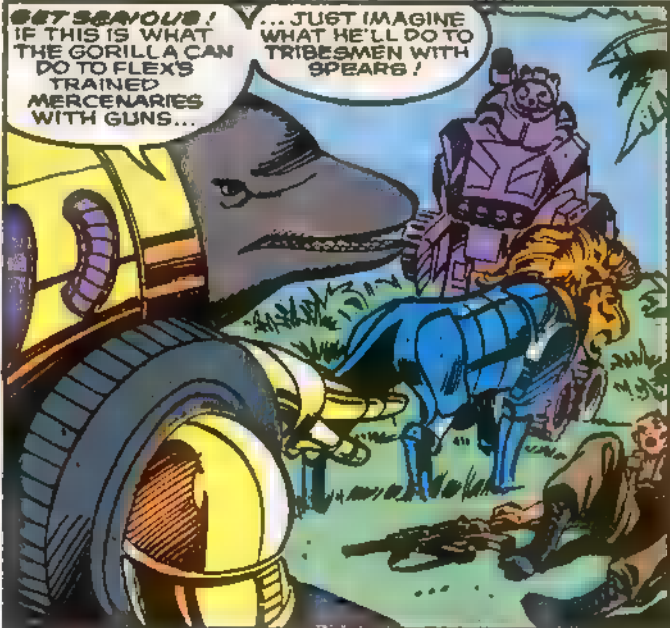
WHAT
HAPPENED
HERE?

LOOKS LIKE
HAPPENED
HERE...



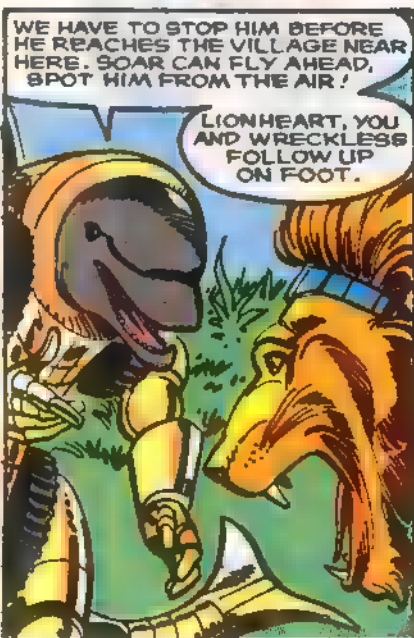
...AND HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT SIDE HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE ON! WHAT A MESS!

OH, I DON'T KNOW...



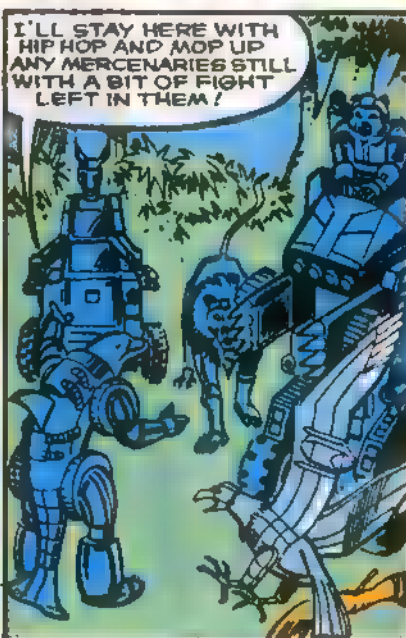
GET SERIOUS! IF THIS IS WHAT THE GORILLA CAN DO TO FLEX'S TRAINED MERCENARIES WITH GUNS...

...JUST IMAGINE WHAT HE'LL DO TO TRIBESMEN WITH SPEARS!



WE HAVE TO STOP HIM BEFORE HE REACHES THE VILLAGE NEAR HERE. SOAR CAN FLY AHEAD, SPOT HIM FROM THE AIR!

LIONHEART, YOU AND WRECKLESS FOLLOW UP ON FOOT.



I'LL STAY HERE WITH HIP HOP AND MOP UP ANY MERCENARIES STILL WITH A BIT OF FIGHT LEFT IN THEM!



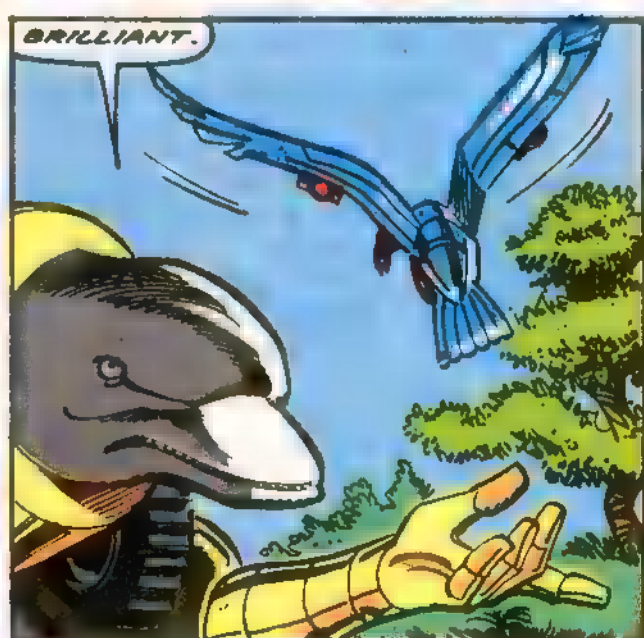
WAIT-- WAIT?

I'M LEADER! I SHOULD BE GIVING THE PLAN!

FAIR ENOUGH! WHAT'S THE PLAN?



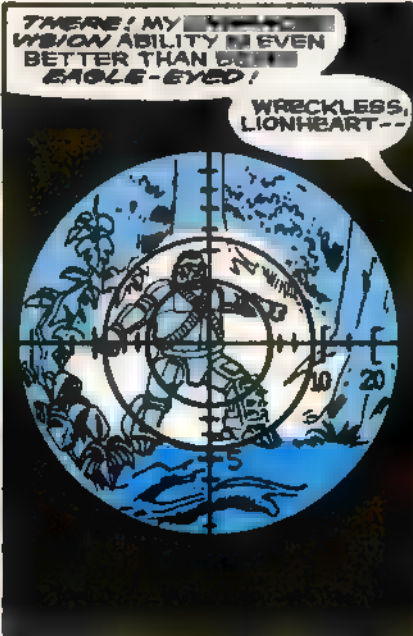
I'LL FLY ON AHEAD, SPOT THE GORILLA FROM THE AIR. LIONHEART AND WRECKLESS CAN FOLLOW UP ON FOOT. YOU AND HIP HOP STAY HERE AND MOP UP THE REMAINING MERCENARIES!



BRILLIANT.



LET'S SEE
NOW...
WHERE IS
HE?

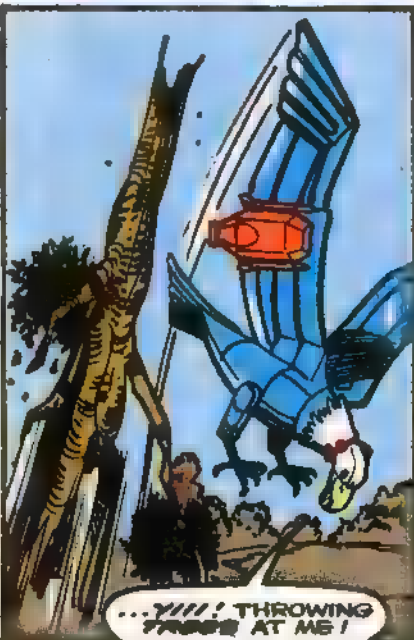


THERE! MY
VISION ABILITY IS EVEN
BETTER THAN BEING
EAGLE-EYED!

WRECKLESS,
LIONHEART--



— THIS IS SOAR.
THE GORILLA IS ABOUT
SIX HUNDRED YARDS Due
WEST OF YOU AND HE'S--



...Y!!! THROWING
TRAPS AT ME!



NASTY! BUT WITH
THESE EYE
LASERS--

-- HE'S
IMPERFECTUAL!

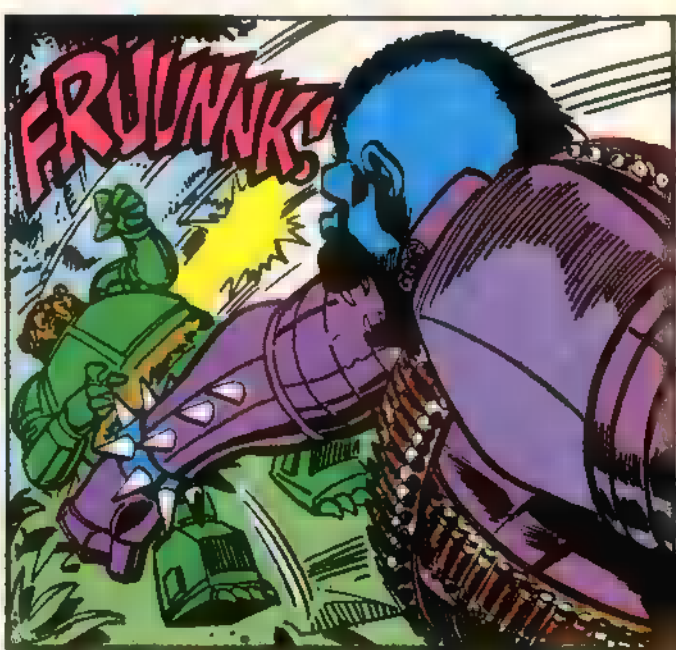


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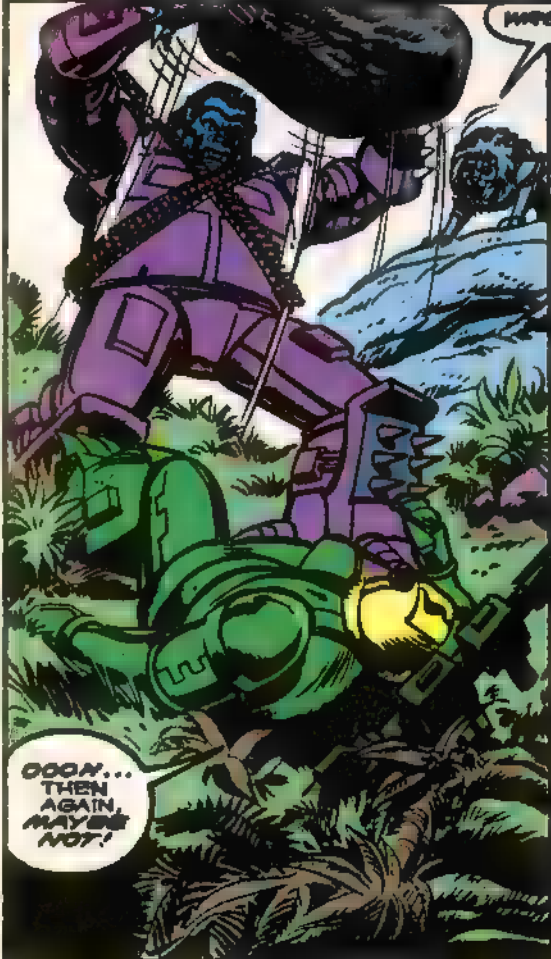


WRECKLESS IS COMING
THROUGH!

WHOPPI!

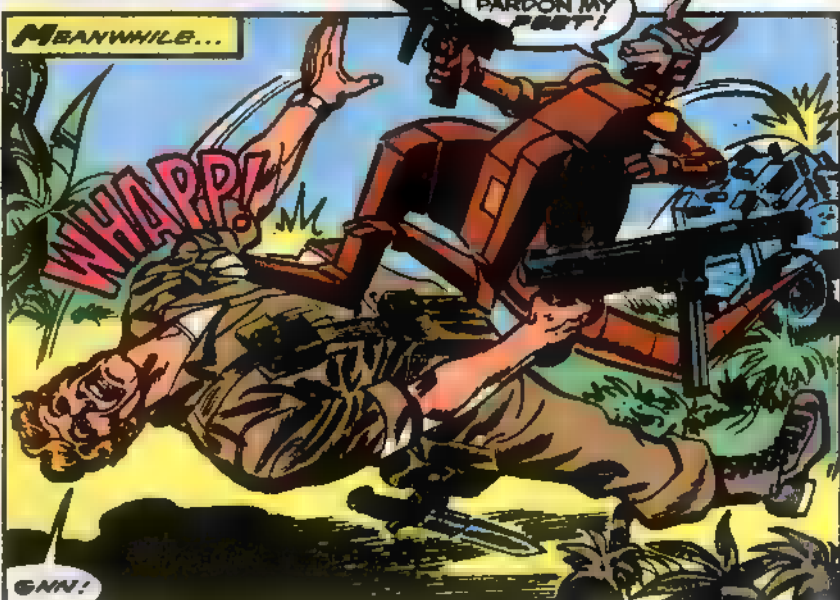
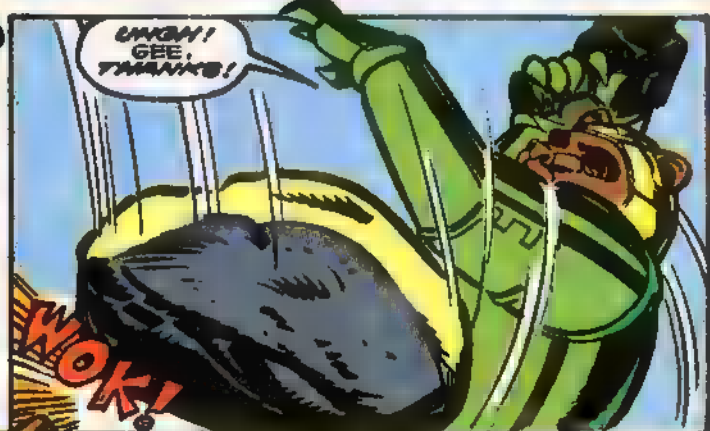
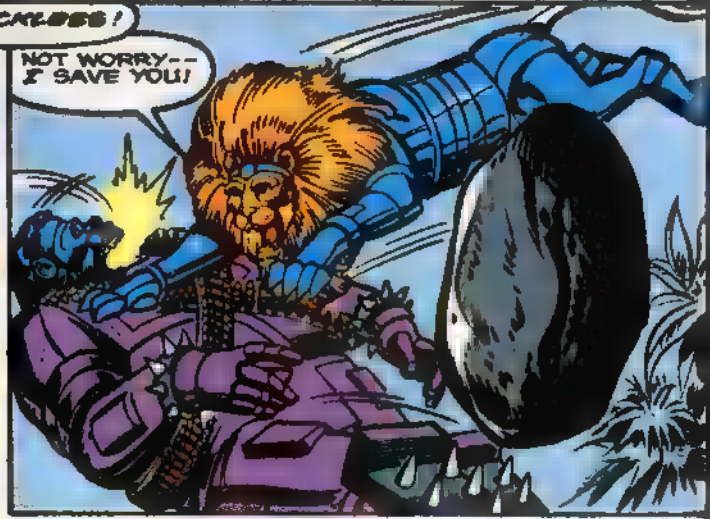


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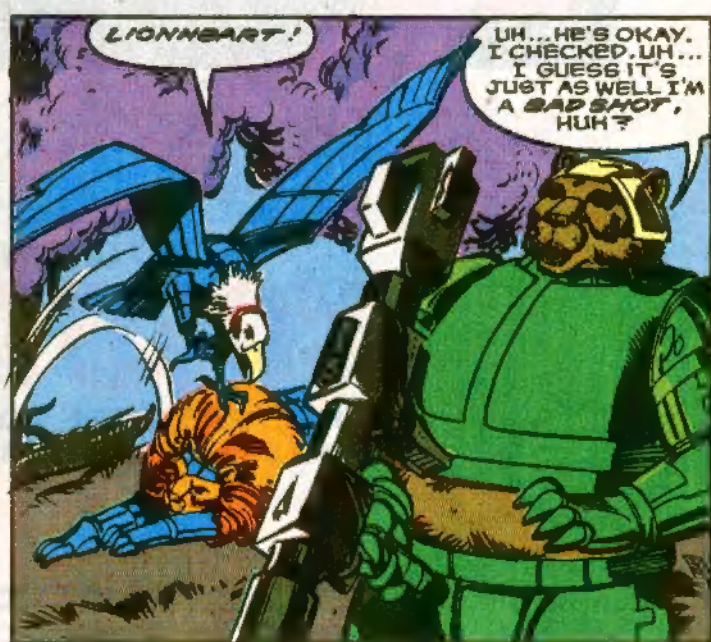
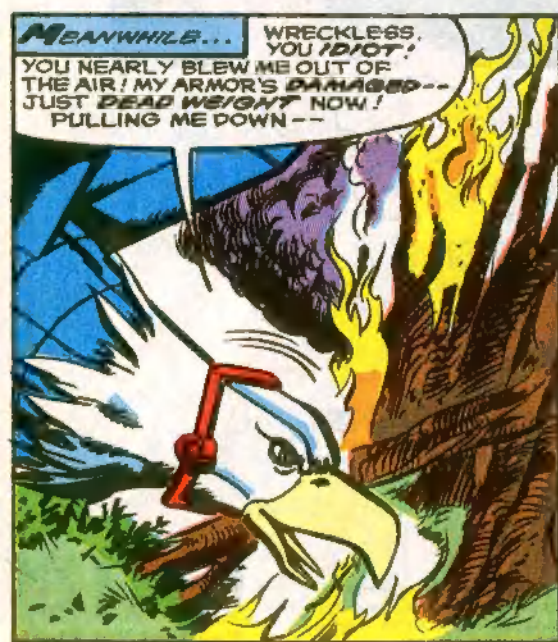


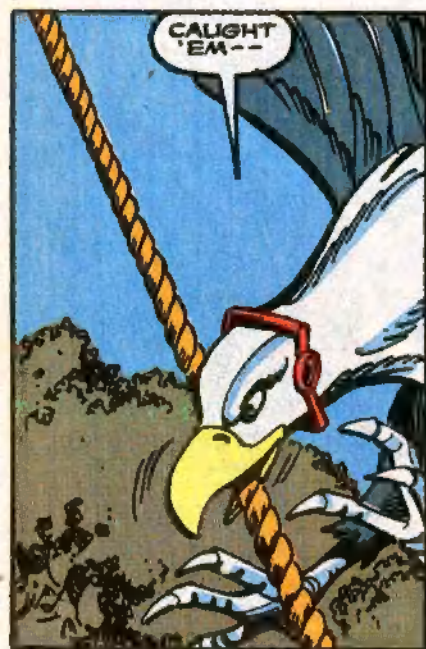
WRECKLESS!

NOT WORRY--
I SAVE YOU!



MEANWHILE...







OH, NO! I JUST WANTED TO STOP HIM -- NOT HURT HIM!

I GUESS THE ANIMALS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES WHO NEED TO LEARN A BIT OF RESTRAINT!



IS HE...?

HE'S FINE, JUST STUNNED. IT'S THE MATERIAL OF HIS UNIFORM--IT'S SOME SORT OF ULTRA-LIGHT METAL WEB FORMATION. IT SAVED HIM--

HMM... NOW WHERE HAVE I--?



AHEM!

GUESS YOU'LL BE WANTING YOUR ARMOR BACK!



REALLY? AND WHY'S THAT?

UM... WELL, WE LOST THE GORILLA AND BLEW UP A BIT OF FOREST AND--



ENOUGH! A FEW MISHAPS ASIDE, YOU DID PRETTY WELL FOR A FIRST OUTING. YOU SENT THE MERCENARIES PACKING, STOPPED THE GORILLA FROM REACHING THE VILLAGE AND SAVED THE FOREST.

I'D SAY THAT EARNS YOU ALL A SECOND CHANCE!

SO WHAT'S BUGGIN' YOU, BOSS-MAN? WHY THE GRIM FACE?



IT'S THIS MATERIAL-- I JUST REMEMBERED WHERE I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE--

IT'S A HIGHLY SPECIALIZED BRAND DEVELOPED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE SECURITY DIVISION...

"...OF MULTICORP!"

THIS REPORT SAYS THE GORILLA IS ON HIS WAY BACK, MR. FROST--

-- BUT PIERCE AND HIS ANIMALS HAVE BROUGHT OUR RAIN FOREST OPERATION TO A HALT!

A MINOR SETBACK, ROGER. THE FLEX CORPORATION WAS AN UNIMPORTANT MULTICORP ASSET. I'VE ALREADY ARRANGED FOR TASTEE BURGERS TO BE SOLD OFF TO A PIZZA FRANCHISE AS OF YESTERDAY...

THIS WAY NO ONE WILL TRACE ANY OF THEIR SHADIER DEALINGS BACK TO US FORAY!

I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT OUR CURRENT PROJECT...

THE DATA ON THE NEURO-ENHANCER DESIGN THAT I STOLE FROM PIERCE'S COMPUTER FILES HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY UTILIZED...

...AS YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF!

GOOD WORK, ROGER.

WITH THE ADDITION OF THE GORILLA, THIS WILL BE THE TEAM OF ENFORCERS I NEED TO ACQUIRE THE MONEY AND POWER I CRAVE.

NO ONE, NOT EVEN PIERCE AND HIS PATHETIC PETS, WILL BE ABLE TO STOP ME ONCE I UNLEASH UPON THE WORLD...

...HEAVY METAL!

TO BE CONTINUED...